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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

SLBM ACTIVITY, HSIAO-PING-TAO SLBM SUPPORT FACILITY MAIN BASE, CHINA (TSR)

(TSR) The main support base (Figure 1) for the People's Republic of China SLBM development effort was recently identified in the Hsiao-ping-tao area south of Lu-ta. The facility is approximately 4.8 nautical miles (nm) northeast of Hsiao-ping-tao Submarine Base [REDACTED] and 2.5 nm east of Hsiao-ping-tao SLBM Support Facility [REDACTED]

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(TSR) Identification of SLBM popup dummy shipping crates (Figure 2) at the main support base [REDACTED] confirmed the association of the facility with the SLBM program. Continuing analysis has made it possible to delineate the facility into two main areas, administration and research and development (R&D) support and housing/support areas. A smaller, probable R&D support area is adjacent to the housing/support area in the southern part of the facility. The administration and R&D support area contains a large administration/headquarters building, research/classroom buildings, and vehicle/equipment storage buildings. The housing/support area contains multistory housing buildings, a possible hospital, a heating plant, and an auditorium that was under construction. The smaller, probable R&D support area contains three probable engineering/research buildings. Construction of additional facilities was continuing in both areas.

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(TSR) Construction of this facility paralleled the construction of Hsiao-ping-tao SLBM Support Facility. Construction of both facilities was begun in late 1972 or early 1973 and progressed slowly until 1975--1976 when the pace of construction was accelerated. Administrative support and probable R&D and training support for the SLBM program in the Hsiao-ping-tao area will be provided at the main support base.

(TSR) The main support base in conjunction with Hsiao-ping-tao SLBM Support Facility and Hsiao-ping-tao Submarine Base will probably be the main complex for future SLBM development. Administrative and R&D support

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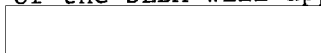
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will be provided at the main support base; assembly, checkout, and probable training functions will be performed at the support facility; and at-sea tests will be conducted from the submarine base. Land-based flight-testing of the SLBM will apparently be conducted from Wu-chai Missile Test Complex



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